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Caltrans Activates Ramp Meters on Northbound Highway 101 Between Calabasas and Thousand Oaks

On-ramp Signals Will Smooth Traffic Flow on Freeway

LOS ANGELES – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced today that it will activate ramp meters at 13 locations on northbound U.S. Highway 101 from Calabasas to Thousand Oaks, including Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills and Westlake Village.

Ramp meters have been installed and are being activated for traffic entering northbound Highway 101 at Parkway Calabasas (two ramps), Las Virgenes Road, Lost Hills Road, Liberty Canyon Road, Chesebro/Palo Comado Canyon Road, Kanan Road (two ramps), Reyes Adobe Road, Lindero Canyon Road (two ramps) and Westlake Boulevard (two ramps).

On-ramp meters are a cost-effective, efficient way of managing traffic flow. By using a ramp signal, vehicles entering a freeway at short intervals are less likely to slow down freeway traffic and can merge onto the freeway with less potential for accidents and bottlenecks. This can help accommodate more vehicles per hour on the freeway, shorten commute times and provide a higher degree of safety.

The meters at Parkway Calabasas, Las Virgenes Road and Westlake Boulevard are in areas with ongoing construction projects and will be ready to activate in about two months. The other meters were activated Oct. 5, and for approximately a month they will display a green signal at all times. In November, they will begin normal operation to regulate the flow of traffic entering the freeway.

The ramp meters will operate seven days a week, from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends.

The meter at Lost Hills Road is set to allow two cars per lane for each green light; all the others allow one car per lane for each green signal. Adjustments may be considered in the future.

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The meters will be set to respond to freeway traffic conditions. When freeway traffic is light, the meters will allow cars to enter the ramp at a faster rate and may display a green signal constantly. When freeway traffic is congested, ramp volume will be reduced to keep freeway traffic moving smoothly.

The law provides penalties for drivers who disregard ramp meters. Running a red light on a ramp meter is a traffic violation, the same as running any other red light. Drivers can be cited and fined, with points against their driving record.

Caltrans reminds drivers to **“Be Work Zone Alert”** and **“Slow for the Cone Zone.”**

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